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1. THE SAUDI PRESS AGENCY PUBLISHED TODAY, DECEMBER 22, A LONG INTERVIEW WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD ON INTERNAL AND FOREIGN SAUDI AFFAIRS. THE INTERVIEW RECEIVED WIDE TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPER COVERAGE IN THE KINGDOM. BELOW ARE SOME EXCERPTS ON THE CROWN PRINCE'S THOUGHTS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. RICH-POOR NATIONS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS: THE CROWN PRINCE GAVE THREE "AXIOMS" OF RICH-POOR NATIONS' RELATIONSHIPS. FIRST, THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS HAVE A LONG HEAD
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START ON THE POOR AND THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO IS WIDENING. SECOND, THE POOR NATIONS ARE TRYING TO DO IN YEARS WHAT THE RICH HAVE TAKEN CENTURIES TO ACHIEVE. THIRD, SAUDI ARABIA STARTED A FEW YEARS AGO FROM A VERY LOW ECONOMIC BASE AND THEREFORE HAS MORE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS THAN MOST, THOUGH IT HAS BETTER MEANS TO FINANCE ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT.

3. MIDDLE EAST PEACE: INTER-ARAB SQUABBLING HAS DISTRACTED ARABS FROM A JUST ME PEACE. ZIONISM IS HISTORICALLY ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL REASONS FOR THE LOSS OF PALESTINE, OTHERS BEING ARAB DIVERSIONS INTO FRUITLESS SIDE ISSUES, ABSENCE OF PALESTINIANS FROM THE WORLD SCENE DURING THE MANDATE, ARAB INTERNECINE STRIFE. FAHD SAYS THAT TODAY PROPECTS ARE VERY ENCOURAGING TOWARD A LASTING PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE AND ACHIEVED WITHOUT WAR. "THE JEWS HAVE LIVED AMONG US FOR CENTURIES AND WILL STILL BE ABLE TO LIVE AMONG US." BUT THE ARABS WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST AGRESSION WITH ALL THEIR STRENGTH.
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